Expansion of H.M.T. Unit in Kalamassery

2786. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose any expansion of the H.M.T. Unit in Kalamassery, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the H.M.T. units in the country are not encouraged for profitable expansion; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to re-utilise the H.M.T. units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government has in principle, approved conversion of individual business groups of HMT into Joint Venture companies.

झारखंड में कुर्मी जाति को अनुसूचित जनजाति, श्रेणी में रखा जाना

2787. **श्री ज्ञान रंजन:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या बिहार के झारखंड क्षेत्र में, कुर्मी जाति के लोग, वर्ष 1931 से पूर्व अनुसूचित जनजाति की श्रेणी में शामिल थे;

(ख) क्या झारखंड क्षेत्र के कुर्मियों का रहन-सहन, रीति-रिवाज और पूजा-पाठ, झारखंड क्षेत्र की अन्य जन जातियों की ही तरह है;

(ग) क्या झारखंड के कुर्मियों का आर्थिक, सामाजिक और शैक्षणिक विकास नहीं के बराबर हुआ है;

(घ) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) से (ग) के उत्तर "हां" में हों, तो क्या सरकार, बिहार में झारखंड क्षेत्र के कुर्मियों को अनुसूचित जनजातियों की सूची में शामिल करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) जी, नहीं। दिनांक 6.9.1950 को संविधान (अनुसूचित जनजाति) आदेश, 1950 के जारी किए जाने से पूर्व अनुसूचित जनजातियों का कोई श्रेणीकरण नहीं था जैसा कि भारत के संविधान में परिभाषित है।

(ख) तथा (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है।

(घ) तथा (ङ) मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Mini ITIs at block level

2788. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up mini ITI's in blocks where no training facilities exist to train young entrepreneurs on a large scale in selected viable economic enterprises and trades;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Centre has also advised States to initiate similar steps for setting up mini Industrial Training Institutes in a phased manner in each block where no such facility exists;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of ITIs proposed to be set up in the rural and backward areas of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Consequent on the recommendation of the Expert Committee on IRDP, the Government had decided to set up these Institutions at the block level to later to the felt needs of training your entrepreneurs on a large scale in selected viable economic enterprises and trades including traditional crafts and occupations of village artisans such as fisherman, boatman oilmangers, potters etc. for

which no training facility at present exists.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of India has proposed to set up Mini-Industrial Training at block levels. States can initiate steps for setting up of Mini ITIs in a phased manner in blocks where no NGO/Govt. run ITIs are available or planned to be established. Each Mini ITIs would cater to 3-4 selected trades/enterprises relevant to the locality. Mini ITIs are to be managed and run by the DRDAs under the overall guidance of the Directorate of Technical Education of the State for maintaining certain standards of training.

TRYSEM trainees will be admitted in Mini ITIs. However, with the approval of DRDAs, others also can be admitted, if sufficient TRYSEM trainees are not available.

The non-recurring expenses for setting up of Mini ITIs will be met by the provisions under TRYSEM infrastructure to be shared by Government of India and State on 50:50 basis. State Government will meet the recurring expenses.

(e) State Government had proposed to set up 13 fullfledged ITIs during 1996-97. This proposal was not agreed because of a decision taken to the effect that Assistance towards the TRYSEM infrastructure would be given to the State Governments only for setting up of Mini ITIs & not for fullfledged ITIs.

National Child Labour Projects in Gujarat

2789. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) are under implementation in many States;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) number of such projects under implementation in the State of Gujarat at present;

(d) if none, the reasons therefor, and

(e) whether Government propose to extend that NCLP to Gujarat also?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) 76 National Child Labour Projects are under implementation in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Under these projects a total of around 1.5 lakh working children are to be put in special schools where they are provided with non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health-check.

(c) to (e) Two districts of Gujarat namely Panchmahals and Surat has been identified as child labour endemic districts. Government has already sanctioned two child labour projects in these districts to cover 2000 children through 40 special schools.

Foreign assistance to overcome the problem of Child Labour

2790. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign countries have offered assistance to overcome the problem of Child Labour in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the steps proposal to be taken by Government to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the reply at (a) above.

(d) Government is presently engaged in the task of progressively removing 2 mil-